

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM W015, WEST OFFICE BUILDING, STATE CAPITOL COMPLEX
February 6, 2008**

Members Present: Sen. Michael G. Waddoups, Co-Chair
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair
Sen. Scott D. McCoy
Rep. Douglas C. Aagard
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Curtis Oda
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Members Absent: Sen. Curtis S. Bramble

Staff Present: Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst
Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Carrie Griffith, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Sen. Waddoups called the meeting to order at 3:22 p.m.

Gary Ricks, Fiscal Analyst, distributed three Building Block Priority Lists to Subcommittee members and briefly explained what would be happening in the meeting. For voting purposes, the list that will be used is listed alphabetically by Agency. A list outlining Restricted Funds was also provided, showing 32 requests for consideration.

Mr. Ricks informed the Subcommittee of corrected Intent Language for Courts. It will be voted on later in the meeting.

The chair was relinquished to Rep. Hutchings.

Brent Gardner, Utah Association of Counties, accompanied by Reed Richards, Weber County Attorney's Office, distributed a handout to the Subcommittee showing parts of the Performance Audit of Utah's Jail Reimbursement Program. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Richards explained funding issues for jail contracting and jail reimbursement and sought support for these issues. The requests are on the Priority List under Corrections, items #25-28.

Sen. Buttars addressed the Subcommittee about issues officers face in cleaning Meth houses. A program is being implemented by a model in New York. Sen. Buttars asked for an ongoing request to help in these clean-up efforts.

Bill Presentations

H.B. 136 "Illegal Drug Activity Reporting Hotline Through the Office of the Attorney General" (*Rep. C. Herrod*)

Rep. Herrod, assisted by Scott Morrill, Project Manager Attorney General's Office, spoke of an interest they have in developing a program that will help people report drug problems they may observe. Rep. Herrod and Mr. Morrill asked for a one-time appropriation of \$75,000 and \$2,500 ongoing.

Unfinished Business

Tom Patterson, Executive Director Department of Corrections, explained a request that would help meet the Department's growth needs by building Gunnison West 1 and 2, stating it would be cost effective to build both facilities at the same time.

MOTION: Rep. Seelig moved that a letter be sent to Executive Appropriations under the signatures of the Chairs indicating that, based on the current and expected growth of Corrections in the state of Utah, The Executive Offices & Criminal Justice Subcommittee would encourage the consideration of building the Gunnison West 1 & 2 Facilities. The motion passed unanimously.

Priority List Development and Voting

The following motions were made using a list alphabetized by Agency which was prepared by the Fiscal Analysts:

MOTION: Rep. Herrod moved to change the amount on Line 62, Attorney General, **H.B. 136, Illegal Drug Activity Reporting Hotline Through the Office of the Attorney General (*Rep. C. Herrod*)**, to \$94,500 one-time. He also stated the ongoing amount of \$2,500 for the hotline on Line 7 would no longer be needed if the \$94,500 one-time amount is approved. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to add a new request on Line 45(a) of \$300,000 ongoing to the Department of Public Safety for the officers Detox program. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to change the number of Performance Auditors on Line 15 from 4 FTEs, \$401,600 ongoing to 2 FTEs \$200,800 ongoing. The motion passed unanimously.

- MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to increase the amount on Line 68 for UHP Body Armor from \$115,000 ongoing to \$175,000 ongoing. The motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to add a new request of \$50,000 one-time for the Utah Highway Patrol high school adoption program on wearing seatbelts, and would be on Line 70(a) under the Department of Public Safety. The motion passed unanimously.
- MOTION: Rep. Hutchings moved to add Line 46(a), \$140,000 General Fund ongoing, to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget for Wasatch Front Regional Council and MAG Statewide Transportation Plan, including Intent Language. The motion passed unanimously.

Sandy Naegle, Fiscal Manager Governor's Office, explained the above issue.

- MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to delete Line 72, GOPB Planning Grants, because it is a duplication of Line 73. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.
- MOTION: Rep. Herrod moved to change Line 22, Correctional Officer Recruitment and Retention, from \$3,000,000 ongoing to \$5,800,000 ongoing. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.
- MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to change Line 18, Board of Pardons Information Technology Replacement Schedule, \$45,000, and Line 37, Courts Data Processing Replacement Schedule, \$240,000, from the ongoing list to the one-time list. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. McCoy absent for the vote.

Joe Brown, Administrative Services Director Department of Public Safety, responded to questions regarding Utah Highway Patrol Video storage.

A discussion ensued among the Subcommittee members regarding Leases.

- MOTION: Rep. Herrod moved to change Line 39, Courts Juror/Witness/Interpreter Fund Increase, \$150,000, from the ongoing list to the one-time list. The motion passed with Sen. McCoy and Rep. Seelig voting in opposition.

Dan Becker, State Court Administrator, responded to questions relating to juror/witness/interpreter funds.

Joe Brown, DPS, and Carol Groustra, DPS Communications Bureau, answered questions

regarding Line 42, DPS Communication Dispatchers and Line 67, DPS Dispatchers Equipment, and how the requests relate to Rep. Dee's Bill.

MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to delete Line 67, DPS Dispatchers Equipment (Rep. Dee). The motion passed with Rep. King voting in opposition.

Tom Patterson, Executive Director Corrections, clarified concerns relating to the requested appropriation for Line 32, Sex Offender Treatment Expansion--2 FTEs.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to approve the Restricted Account Line Items list as it stands.

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MOTION: Rep. Aagard moved to add \$200,000 ongoing for the Governor's Energy Advisor Energy Projects to the Restricted Account Line Items list. The motion passed unanimously.

Werner Haidenthaller, Attorney General's Office, clarified questions relating to Agency Billing, which is on the ongoing, one-time and the Restricted account lists.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to approve the Restricted Account Line Items list as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. King moved to adopt the ongoing and one-time lists as a working draft for prioritization. He also moved to have Subcommittee members prioritize the list, ranking them #1-15, and give to staff to compile.

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MOTION: Sen. Waddoups moved to adopt the amended ongoing and the amended one-time lists. A cleaned up version of the lists would be distributed by Staff within a couple of hours after the close of today's meeting, after which the Subcommittee members would rank their top 15 priorities on each list. The motion passed unanimously.

Senators were asked to return the lists to Sen. Waddoups on the Senate floor and Representatives give them to Rep. Hutchings on the House floor by noon on Thursday, February 7, 2008. The lists would then be given to Staff to compile and sent to Executive Appropriations.

Dan Becker, Courts, noted that a vote needed to be taken for Intent Language for the Courts.

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to accept the Intent Language for the Courts, which is:

"The Legislature intends that the Courts may expend part of the Administration line-item base budget appropriation of \$100,202,300 to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for data processing hardware."

The motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Hutchings thanked Staff for being well organized. He expressed the desire to make the Subcommittee's Interim efforts meaningful and invited the Departments and Agencies to keep in contact and approach them at any time.

MOTION: Rep. Aagrad moved to adjourn.

Rep. Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

Sen. Michael G. Waddoups, Co-Chair

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair